

ELLSWORTH FAMILY HOUSING

DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

HOUSING HAPPENINGS



Bulk Items Pick-up: Periodically, bulk items (meeting size and weight limitations) may be placed at the curb for pick-up. These bulk items cannot be heavier than 150 pounds and cannot exceed 6 feet in length. You must dispose of any items exceeding these limits. You may take them to the Centralized Transfer Station located at 2218 Centennial Dr. (across from the military dog kennels; phone 385-1642/877-5499). Curbside pick up of items exceeding these weights/dimensions will not be allowed. Freezers/refrigerators are not allowed for bulk pickup and must be disposed of by the user in accordance with state law. The collections dates are: 29 Dec 11, 12 Jan 12, and 15 Mar 12.



HUNTING SEASON: If you plan to cure wild game in the housing area, please comply with the following guidelines:

- * Carcasses may be cured for no longer than 3 days.
 - * The entire carcass must be covered, (draped in a sheet or blanket).
 - * Nails or hooks cannot be installed in the garage for support.
 - * Discretion must be used when temperatures are over 45 degrees.
- Lastly, always be sensitive and thoughtful of your neighbors.***



SNOW REMOVAL: As per Housing Brochure Para 1.10, Civil Engineer snowplows will open streets on Ellsworth AFB. The flightline and priority roads on base take precedence over base housing. It is your responsibility to clear as-signed driveways, parking spaces, and sidewalks within 24 hours of snowfall.

Did you know



Holiday lights can be used to decorate the outside of homes starting 1 October but then need to be taken down by 1 April. As per Housing Brochure Para 2.7, Energy Conservation, please do not leave lights on during day-light hours. Do not nail or drill into the siding to hang holiday lights or decorations.

Important Information: DSC Self-Help Store hours are changing 1 Dec 11; new hours are 07:30 to 16:30 M-F (closed weekends & major holidays). If you have any questions, please call 923-5808.



As the weather has turned cold, please be careful not to leave your pets outside for long periods of time. ***They get cold, too.***

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WINTER PREPARATION: When temperatures are forecast to be below 32 degrees, certain precautions should be taken to reduce the possibility of flood damage due to frozen pipes. Residents may face financial liability issues (damage to government property/personal renter insurance claims) if they do not take the following preventive actions:



1. Remove all hoses from exterior faucets; water will expand as it freezes and may rupture pipes inside the wall causing your home to flood.

2. If you will be absent from your home for more than a few days, please ensure your thermostat is set to "heat" and the temperature set to at least 65 degrees. You may also sign out a heat-outage lamp (aka "Winter Watchman") from DSC (housing maintenance). The lamp will alert maintenance personnel if the furnace shuts down in your home. If the furnace is not working, the temperature may fall below freezing in the house and cause pipes to freeze.

3. Inform the Housing Office of a designated agent to visit the home/be a POC for housing maintenance issues during extending absences.

4. Additional information can be found in the housing guide provided when you moved into base housing. Questions may be directed to the housing office at 385-2568.



Trash Collection:

- **ALL** corrugated cardboard should be taken to the Central Transfer Station for recycling. Any cardboard left curbside **MUST** be broken down, bundled & tied due to area winds.

- **ALL** trash in garbage cans **MUST** be bagged.

- **ALL** trash outside of garbage cans **MUST** be bagged or it will not be picked up.

- **ALL** mixed recyclables **MUST** be in clear plastic bags.

- **ANYTHING** too big to be bagged **MUST** be put out on bulk item pickup days or taken to the Central Transfer Station.

- **ALL** yard waste **MUST** be put in yard waste recycle bags, which can be picked up at the Self-help Store.

- A **maximum** of two garbage cans can be placed curbside at each unit.



Unwanted visitors come with colder weather. Please be advised that you will be expected to take all measures to prevent and control insects and pests. Pet food, crumbs and dropped table food attract mice and other animals to your home and yard. Good sanitation is the key to good pest control. If you have an uncontrollable pest problem, please call CE Customer service at 385-2580 for assistance.



1. All vehicles must be removed from housing streets upon declaration of a snow advisory or winter weather warning, or when directed by a competent authority.

2. If leaving on an extended TDY or deployment, vehicles must be parked in the driveway or garage only.

3. If snow or winter weather is forecast for late evening or early morning, move your vehicles **before** going to bed.

4. **The USAF and 28 BW do not assume any risk, responsibility, or liability for any damage to vehicles occurring from snow removal or towing operations when vehicles are in violation of this policy.**